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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims :

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) The fluidics systems of claim 1 further comprising:

an auxiliary fluid reservoir and a connection valve,

wherein the auxiliary fluid reservoir is connected through the connection valve to an auxiliary input of at least one the first and second reservoirs; and the system is configured to selectively draw fluid from the auxiliary fluid reservoir into at least one of the first and second reservoirs when the negative pressure source is activated, the connection valve is open, and the respective at least one of the first and second reservoirs is not vented to a pressure source having a pressure less than a pressure of the negative pressure source.

Please delete claims 17-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 18, between lines 19 and 20 please insert:

Examples I and II are generalized versions of actual constructed embodiments, but may not have been actually constructed themselves as shown in the referenced figures.